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Air Force Reserve's first Associate KC-135 Unit

## Stop loss keeps needed reservists

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – An Air Force-wide Stop-Loss goes into effect June 15, temporarily keeping active-duty people, unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees in critical career fields from moving to inactive status. Some 35,000 members of the Selected Reserve are potentially affected by this action.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan announced their decision to implement the program May 26. They emphasized that they plan to keep disruption of lives of Air Force men and women to a minimum.

"We take Stop-Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our Air Force members, their families and the civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Ryan said. "It is important that all of these people understand how seriously we take this program and how much we appreciate the individual sacrifices that will be made because of it."

The driving force behind the decision is the ongoing air campaign in the Balkans.

In Air Force Reserve Command, the Stop-Loss temporarily blocks changes of reservists' status that would allow them to leave units or programs at risk for call-up. The Stop-Loss affects the following:

- \* Expiration term of service;
- \* Mandatory separation date, including age 60;
- \* Reassignment to a lower category of availability;
- \* Assignment to the Retired Reserve, awaiting pay at age 60;
- \* Assignment to retired status at age 60; and
- \* All separations before expiration term of service, that is for the convenience of the member.

Reserve personnel officials said loss or reassignment actions projected on or after June 15 will be canceled and rescheduled after the Stop-Loss ends. Reservists affected by the Stop-Loss



Technical Sgt. Bill Kimble/Combat Camera

## 931<sup>st</sup> members called to active-duty

Nearly 80 members of the 931<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Group were activated and deployed throughout May in support of Operation Allied Force and Northern Watch.

These members of the 931<sup>st</sup> are among nearly 1,700 Air Force Reservists mobilized or identified for call-up under the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up (PSRC). Overall, about 5,500 members of the Reserve and Guard have been called up under the PSRC in support of NATO's Operation Allied

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will receive written notice of their status from their unit commander or the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. When the Stop-Loss is revoked, military personnel flights or program managers will work with affected reservists to establish a separation or retirement date.

By law, a stop-loss may be used only to suspend temporarily voluntary separations, including discharges and resignations; retirements; and promotions of members of the armed forces.

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# Proven greatness of “Kanza” team

**Col. Mario Goico**  
931st ARG Deputy Commander

This last month has seen many events that have changed the every day life of the “Kanza team”. We received the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up and today our members are participating in missions supporting Allied Force and Northern Watch. This mission is very important.

In the last decade the Air Force has seen a decrease in overseas bases and in the size of the resources available.

Today we find that military objectives can not be accomplished without air refueling and, since we have a lot of those resources, the Air Force Reserve.

No matter how well you prepare for separation, no matter how much you talk it through, when the day arrives, you are surprised. I personally experienced this when I was called up for Desert Storm. Since those days the AFRC has learned a lot about taking care of the Reserve family (members, families and employers).

Here at McConnell AFB we developed

a Crisis Action Team (CAT) which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (1-888-708-3885 or 652-5553).

If you wonder how to get information about services or benefits, call the CAT. Lt Martha Kuder heads our family support team, and a member is always available at the CAT. The dedication that her team has demonstrated in taking care of, informing and helping the families is outstanding. I am getting constant feedback attesting to their going above and beyond expectations.

All families are called at least once a week. They also have developed maps of the areas of the country where every one of our deployed members live. For example these maps were used within hours of the tornado that struck Oklahoma City and Wichita. Every family that resided in the area was called.

Another outstanding event was the airlift of care packages. We delivered to our members overseas enough packages to fill a pickup truck.

There are many other programs including a weekly newsletter with current



Staff Sgt. Barbara Davis/Spirit

events in the lives of our deployed military members and their families at home as well as information on benefits and medical insurance programs. There is also a video-phone in Family Readiness that has been utilized by families to connect with loved ones in all current deployed locations.

The Kanza family has regularly scheduled “get-togethers” to promote interaction between families of deployed members. This environment also enables kids to talk to other children who are missing mom or dad.

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## Critical days: Keep safety in mind during summer months

**Gen. Michael E. Ryan**  
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As the summer months approach, many of us will spend more time participating in outdoor activities with family and friends.

The period of increased outdoor activity from Memorial Day through Labor Day is

known as the “101 Critical Days of Summer.” Unfortunately, this increased outdoor activity results in a corresponding rise in safety mishaps involving our airmen and their families.

Historically, American’s highways and waterways have been dangerous places for Air Force members. Of 20 Air Force fatalities during last year’s 101 critical days,

12 involved motor vehicle accidents. Sadly, 25 percent of these individuals were not wearing seat belts, and one fatal mishap involved alcohol use. Another six deaths occurred as a result of boating mishaps or drowning. These fatalities occurred off duty, when individuals were enjoying well-deserved leisure

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## Kanza Spirit

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# Reserve offers high-year-tenure extensions

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Reservists with a high-year-of-tenure date between Oct. 1, 1999, and Dec. 31, 2000, may request a two-year extension of their enlistment to stay in Air Force Reserve Command.

Reserve officials said this temporary exception to policy is designed to help the command meet its mission and end-strength objectives.

Only unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees in the Selected Reserve are eligible for the program. They may not enter an extension beyond age 60. Previous extensions of HYT dates combined with extensions under this program may not exceed three years.

Reservists with an HYT date between Oct. 1, 1999, and Dec. 31, 2000, have until Aug. 31 to submit a request for an extension under this temporary program. Those with an HYT date between June 30 and Sept. 30 have until May 14 to apply.

Air reserve technicians who retire from Civil Service during the HYT extension will have their extension terminated when they leave their civilian position.

The Air Force Reserve began phasing

in its HYT program Jan. 1, 1989. The program limits participation in the Reserve to a total of 33 years of total federal military service for all enlisted reservists unless they are selected for an extension beyond the HYT. The Reserve started the program to improve grade ratios, ensure sustained promotion opportunity for lower grade enlisted people and increase readiness with a more fit force.

Before 1989, enlisted reservists could stay in the Reserve an unlimited number of years up to age 60. For example, reservists who joined the service on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and did not take a break in service could serve for 42 years.

The active force has also approved a temporary HYT extension program offering extensions for up to two years to top-notch performers between now and Sept. 30, 2000. Large end-strength reductions that began in 1987 caused the active force to reduce HYT years for grades E-4 through E-8 in order to balance force strengths.

Military personnel flights have more information about HYT extensions. (AFRC News Service)

# Personnel News

## Military Personnel Flight Hours

The core hours of operation for the MPF are as follows:

**Monday – Friday** 0730 – 1600  
**Saturday – UTA** 0800 – 1600  
**Sunday – UTA** 1000 – 1600

## ANNUAL WALK

The MPF will be closed Sunday morning of the June UTA to complete the annual walk requirement. It will re-open on or about 1000.

## OUTPROCESSING HOURS

If you, or any unit member you know, needs to out process for TDY, reassignment, or retirement, please keep in mind that on UTA weekends the Military Pay section (Ms Sharon Thayer) is only open for business on Saturdays from 1300 to 1630 hours. Thinking ahead can insure you do not have to come out during the week to finish your out processing. For further information contact TSgt Anick Wallace in Relocations at X-3665.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DD FORM 93, RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA?

The DD Form 93 provides information on the Primary Next of Kin (PNOK),

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## Refer a Friend

There are positions available within the 931st ARG. Help your unit recruit by providing them a name of a friend or have them contact Tech. Sgt. David McCormick at 652-4350, Master Sgt. Terry Gosh at 652-3766, or one of their area recruiters listed below.



### Tinker AFB, OK

Master Sgt. Victor Bradford (405) 739-2980

Technical Sgt. Rhonda Nolan (405) 734-5331

### Lawton, OK

Technical Sgt. Nathan Bickle (405) 357-2784

### Sheppard AFB, TX

Master Sgt. Larry Giles (817) 6763382

### Midwest City, OK

Master Sgt. Linda Smith (405) 733-9403

Staff Sgt. William Thompson

## UTA Schedule

**June** 12-13

**July** 17-18

**Aug.** 14-15

**Sep.** 18-19



## FROM THE IG

**Primary IG: LtCol Ralph Rissmiller**

Bldg 850, Rm 244 652-3684/743-3684

**Alternate IG: LtCol Ron Johnston**

Bldg 650, Rm 146 652-3812/743-3812

### AVENUES OF APPEAL

We would like to think that we could find a quick answer to every problem brought to the IG, and that the answer would be satisfactory to the member. The reality is, though, that a member may very well not agree with our conclusions or the way we conducted the investigation. In such cases, there are avenues of appeal.

Those avenues basically follow the chain-of-command. The "appeal chain" runs from the local IG, through 4 AF/IG, AFRC/IG, SECAF/IG, to DOD/IG. IG personnel at each level will review the case to determine if additional investigation is called for. Can you skip the intermediate steps and appeal directly to the top, DOD/IG? Yes, you can. However, DOD/IG will most likely refer the case back to the lowest appropriate level for investigation and resolution, anyway.

Your case will generally be handled more quickly if you follow the appeal chain. If you have questions about this, or any other IG issue, please call.

### Military Pay Hours Changed

Military pay hours for June 12, Saturday of the UTA, will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. This is a change from the regular UTA hours of 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Family and Employer Days Postponed

Because of the activation of members of the 931<sup>st</sup>, the Family Day scheduled for the June UTA and the Employers Day scheduled for the August UTA will be postponed until a later date. Watch the Kanza Spirit for updates on these events.

## NEWCOMERS



Staff Sgt. David Brumley/Spirit

**Top photo, from left;** Senior Airman Joseph Reid 931<sup>st</sup> AGS, Senior Airman Brian Heimerman 931<sup>st</sup> AGS, Staff Sgt Aaron Baker 931<sup>st</sup> AGS, Staff Sgt Nathan Brown 931<sup>st</sup> AGS.

**Bottom photo from left;** Staff Sgt Clifford Rosen 931<sup>st</sup> AGS, Staff Sgt Lisa Velasco 931<sup>st</sup> AGS, Staff Sgt Russell Lade 931<sup>st</sup> AGS, Staff Sgt Kurt Loehner 931<sup>st</sup> AGS.

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Secondary Next of Kin (SNOK), and other persons to notify in case of death, injury, or an emergency. This form also serves as the official document required by law for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity pay and unpaid pay and allowances.

### HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (HRDC)

The HRDC meets every Friday before the UTA at 1545 in the Southwind Conference Room. Anyone wishing to have an issue addressed to the council may forward it to the council through their unit representative. Commanders and First Sergeants are always welcome to attend.

### AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Group personnel have been offered space in classes at both Ft. Worth Joint Reserve Base and Tinker AFB. Class dates at Ft. Worth are 14 – 22 Aug 99. Tinker has chosen split dates & BOTH sessions must be attended. Their dates are 12 – 16 July AND 2 – 6 Aug 99. Interested SSgts and TSgts should contact Group Training for more information.

### GROUP WEIGH-IN

Just a reminder that our annual Group weigh-in is scheduled for the July UTA.

### MPF IN-HOUSE TRAINING

The MPF is closed each Sunday of the UTA from 0800 – 1000 for In-House training. Classes are held in the TNET room (217), and all administrative personnel are welcome to attend.

## Chapel Service

**UTA Sundays, 0745-0815**

Bldg. 850, upstairs conference room

Maj. Charles Peters, Chaplain

*Everyone is Welcome!*



## ***Activated 931st members head to Europe***



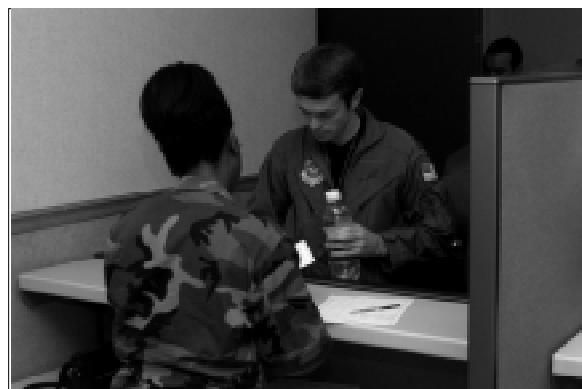
Family says goodbye to  
deploying 18th Air Refueling  
Squadron member

All photos by Technical Sgt. Bill Kimble/Combat Camera

18th ARS members line up to  
start processing



18th ARS member taking care  
of last minute legal issue with  
Maj. Dave Lind, 931st Staff  
Judge Advocate



18th ARS member being  
checked for final requirements  
of the deployment

18th ARS members boarding  
the bus on the way to the  
aircraft for the deployment





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The Stop-Loss will last indefinitely, pending further reviews in the coming months or the termination of the presidential call-up for Kosovo.

Reservists involuntarily called to active duty cannot be kept on extended active duty because of Stop-Loss. Under the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up authority, they may be retained on active duty for up to 270 days. After that period, they cannot be extended unless the president authorizes a partial mobilization – the next level of mobilization – which allows members of the Ready Reserve to be involuntarily called to active duty for up to 24 months.

The Air Force has identified 23 percent of the Air Force specialty codes as critical skills needed to perform the mission. The Reserve has reservists serving in most but not all of the AFSCs identified for Stop-Loss.

Qualified Reserve B-52, C-5, C-17, C-141, F-16, HC-130, HH-60, KC-10, KC-135, MC-130, O/A-10 and WC-130 pilots (11XX) and applicable navigators (12XX) are subject to Stop-Loss.

Other affected officer AFSCs are air battle managers (13BX), air traffic control (13MX), intelligence (14NX), weather (15WX), aircraft maintenance-munitions (21AX), logistics plans (21GX), logisticians – only lieutenant colonels with core AFSC of 21AX or 21GX (21LX), communications and information (33SX), and Air Force Office of Special Investigations (71SX).

Affected enlisted AFSCs are:

- 1A1XX (flight engineer)
- 1A2XX (loadmaster)
- 1A0XX (in-flight refueling)
- 1A000 (chief enlisted manager in-flight refueling)
- 1A1X1B and 1A1X1C (flight engineer)
- 1A100 (chief enlisted manager flight engineer)
- 1A2XX (aircraft loadmaster)
- 1A200 (chief enlisted manager loadmaster)
- 1A3XX (airborne communications system)
- 1A300 (chief enlisted manager airborne communication system)
- 1A4X1 and 1A4X1D (airborne battle management systems)
- 1A400 (chief enlisted manager airborne battle management systems)
- 1A5XX (airborne missions systems)
- 1A500 (chief enlisted manager airborne missions systems)
- 1CXXX (command control systems operations)
- 1N0X1 (intelligence applications)
- 1N000 (chief enlisted manager intelligence applications)
- 1N1X1 (imagery analysis)
- 1N2X1 (signals intelligence production)
- 1N200 (chief enlisted manager signals intelligence production)
- 1N3X0 (cryptological linguist)
- 1N3X3A, 1N3X3D, 1N3X3E, 1N3X3K, 1N3X3L and 1N3X3M, (Slavic crypto linguist)
- 1N4X1 (signals intelligence analysis)
- 1N5X1 (electronic signals intelligence exploitation)
- 1N500 (chief enlisted manager electronic signals intelligence)

- 1N6X1 (electronic systems security assessment)
- 1N600 (chief enlisted manager electronic systems security)
- 1T0X1 (survival, evasion, resistance, and escape training)
- 1T1X1 (life support)
- 1T100 (chief enlisted manager life support)
- 1T2X1 (pararescue)
- 1T200 (chief enlisted manager pararescue)
- 1W0X1A (weather)
- 1W000 (chief enlisted manager weather)
- 1W0X1A (forecaster)
- 2A0X1 (avionics test station and components)
- 2A1X1 (avionics sensors maintenance)
- 2A1X2 (avionics guidance and control systems)
- 2A1X3 (communications and navigation systems)
- 2A1X4 (airborne surveillance radar systems)
- 2A1X7 and X2A1X7 (electronic warfare systems)
- 2A3X1 (F-15/F-111 avionic systems)
- 2A3X2 (F-16 avionic systems)
- 2A3X3 (tactical aircraft maintenance)
- 2A4X1 (aircraft guidance and control systems)
- 2A4X2 (aircraft communication and navigation systems)
- 2A4X3 (aircraft command control and communications and navigation systems)
- 2A5X1 (aerospace maintenance)
- 2A5X2 (helicopter maintenance)
- 2A5X3 (bomber avionics systems)
- 2A6X1 (aerospace propulsion; except senior master sergeant)
- 2A6X2 (aerospace ground equipment; except senior master sergeant)
- 2A6X3 (aircrew egress systems)
- 2A6X4 (aircraft fuel systems)
- 2A6X5 (aircraft hydraulic systems)
- 2A6X6 (aircraft electrical and environmental systems)
- 2A7X1 (aircraft metals technology)
- 2A7X2 (nondestructive inspection)
- 2A7X3 (aircraft structural maintenance)
- 2A7X4 (survival equipment)
- 2E1X1 (satellite and wideband communications equipment)
- 2P0X1 (precision measurement equipment laboratory)
- 2R0X1 (maintenance data systems analysis)
- 2R1X1 (maintenance scheduling)
- 2T2XX (air transportation)
- 2W0X1 (munitions systems)
- 2W1X1, K2W1X1, Q2W1X1 and X2W1X1 (aircraft armament systems)
- 3C0X1 (communications/computers systems operations)
- 3C0X2 (communications/computers systems programmer)
- 3C1X2 (electromagnetic spectrum management)
- 3C2X1 (communications/computer systems control)
- 3P0X1 (security forces)
- 5R0X1 (chaplain service support, except senior and chief master sergeant)
- 7S0X1 (office of special investigations)
- 7S000 (chief enlisted manager office of special investigations)
- 8S100 (sensor operator)
- 9S100 (applied geophysics) (AFRC News Service)



## McConnell Air Show Will Feature Thunderbirds, Golden Knights

The McConnell Air Force Base Air Show will feature three major demonstration teams – the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute demonstration team and the Confederate Air Force's reenactment of the attack on Pearl Harbor, "Tora! Tora! Tora!"

The show, "Thunder in the Heartland: Wichita Air Power Blitz," is set for June 16, with events beginning at 2 p.m.

"We wanted to strike a balance between supporting our troops overseas, while at the same time providing our families and the community with an air show. By choosing Wednesday for the open house, we can offer the many events originally planned for the weekend, and also the Air Force's premier demonstration team – the Thunderbirds," said Maj. Doug McCarty, air show coordinator.

In addition to the three headliners, the community will get the opportunity to climb aboard military and civilian aircraft for a first hand look. Among the static displays planned for the day are a B-52 Stratofortress, the F-15E Strike Eagle, a UH-1 helicopter, and the C-17 Globemaster. Also planned for fly-over is the A-10 Thunderbolt, Old Glory B-25 Mitchell and Reg Urschler's P-51 Mustang, to name a few. A more complete list of flyovers, demonstrations and static displays is available at



[www.mcconnell.af.mil](http://www.mcconnell.af.mil).

The public will be allowed to enter McConnell's West Gate beginning at 1 p.m., with the air show ending following the Thunderbirds performance at about 8 p.m. Anyone with base access is encouraged to enter and park on the East(Rock Rd) side of the base and take shuttle buses to the air show area. (22ARW News Release)

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time.

As tragic as these 1998 statistics are, they reflect a record low number of fatalities during the 101 critical days. A major cause of this decline is due to the efforts of commanders and safety officials at all levels. But more often, the improved statistics reflect our airmen's ability to recognize dangerous situations and avoid them. I applaud the efforts of all Air Force members who have taken responsibility for

making both work and off-duty environments safer for themselves and others.

As you embark on your summertime activities — whether it's a family vacation or simply time outdoors — use common sense and practice basic safety procedures. Let's continue to lower the number of senseless deaths on our nation's highways. Drive defensively, wear seat belts and always arrange for a designated driver when

your social activities involve alcohol.

Every airman, civilian employee and contractor is an important member of our Air Force family. The loss of even one person to a preventable safety mishap is a tragedy for the Air Force. I'm confident that our vigorous safety awareness campaign will continue to lower summertime incidents. Enjoy each of the 101 days of summer, but please make them safe ones for you and your family.

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Force.

In addition to the 931<sup>st</sup>, AFRC units that have reservists activated include the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base; 927<sup>th</sup> ARW, Selfridge ANGB; 940<sup>th</sup> ARW, Beale AFB; 452<sup>nd</sup> ARW, March ARB; 513<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group, Tinker AFB; and the 939<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Portland IAP.

A PSRC authorizes the call-up of as many as 200,000 reservists from the seven U.S. reserve components for up to 270 days. To order a PSRC, the president must notify Congress of the need and reason for the call-up.

Operational control of the reservists passes to the augmented command, but administrative control remains with the reserve component. (AFRC News Service)


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### Team, cont from page 2

When special needs arise, we will research until we find a resource that can provide accurate answers or help e.g. the legal office, ESGR.

This past month has proven the greatness of our "Kanza team". I know you'll continue to support our deployed members and their families in the future. Keep up the good work!

**931st ARG on the WWW... [w3.afrc.af.mil/units/931aw](http://w3.afrc.af.mil/units/931aw)**



# WICHITA WEEKEND

## IN TOWN

Friday, June 11

**Sitcom Superstars of Comdey** -- Sherman Hensley, Jimmie "JJ" Walker and Thea Vidal. 8 p.m. at the Cotillion, 1120 W. Kellogg Tickets \$25.50 at Select-A-Seat, The Cotillion, Music and More and Justice Fashions.

**"Ain't Misbehavin"** -- Music Theatre of Wichita 1999 series. 8 p.m. at the Century II Concert Hall, 225 W. Douglas. Call 265-3107 for ticket information.

Saturday, June 12

**Bobby "Blue" Bland** -- 7p.m. at the the Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway. Doors open at 6 p.m. Advance tickets \$22 at Yesterday Discs, Justice Fashions, Music and More and Showcase Lounge. Tickets will be \$25 at the door.

**"Ain't Misbehavin"**. 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 13

**Wichita Wranglers Baseball** -- San Antonio at Wichita. 6:15 p.m. Lawrence Dumont Stadium.

**WCW Thunder, World Championship Wrestling** -- 6:30 p.m. Kansas Coliseum. Call 265-3107 for ticket information.

**"Ain't Misbehavin"** -- 7 p.m.

## H A T P P E N I N G

## ON BASE

### UTA Movies

All Movies \$1.50; All times 7 p.m.; doors open 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, June 11-- LOST AND FOUND** (David Spade, Sophie Marceau); Dylan Ramsey has just met the perfect girl, but she's already with the perfect guy. He may not have his style or his class, but he snatches her best friend (her dog) in hopes of getting her attention. **Rated PG-13** (*crude, sex-related humor, brief nudity*), 100 minutes.

**Saturday, June 12 -- NEVER BEEN KISSED** -- (Drew Barrymore, David Arquette); Josie is an aspiring journalist at the Chicago Sun Times. Her first assignment is going undercover at a local high school, where she had such a miserable time years before. **Rated PG-13** (*sexual content, drug related material, some language*) 107minutes.

**Sunday, JUNE 13 -- GO** -- (Katie Holmes, Sarah Polley); A couple of days before Christmas holidays, a group of friends get involved in bad deals, car wrecks, shootings, serious partying, a Las Vegas wedding, casual sex and a police sting. **Rated R** (*strong drug content, sexuality, language, some violence*) 100 minutes.

### LIVE THEATRE

*Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre*

*"He Keeps Me Singing" through June 27*

Call 681-1566 for dinner and showtimes.

	<u>MAFB</u>	<u>Gate</u>
Thurs. & Sun.	\$21.45	\$24.30
Fri. & Sat.	\$24.45	\$27.48

The Ticket and Tour office at McConnell Air Force Base has discount tickets on dozens of events in the Wichita Community and surrounding area, including movies, theatre, sports trips and other tours.

For information on what is available, contact the office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The numbers are (316) 652-6007 and 652-6038.